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Niles Notes

The Ladies Guild of the Congregational church held its annual meeting last Wednesday afternoon in the church parlor with twenty-two members present. At 4 p. m. the meeting was called to order by the president who asked Mrs. Hudson, vice-president, to take charge of the meeting and the following officers were elected for the coming year; Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth, president; Mrs. G. Hudson, vice-president; Mrs. H. A. Mayhew, secretary; Mrs. S. O. Higley, treasurer; Directresses, Mesdames Snyder, Clough, Jones, Orpin and Nichols. Annual dues were paid and members registered for the new year, also the $1 subscriptions from each member to the church fund earned in vacation, was collected. A letter of good wishes was read from Mrs. Olive Baldwin Dillard the secretary for the past two years, whose home is now in Elmhurst. At six o'clock about sixty or seventy people were gathered for the bountiful supper served by the ladies, and following this all adjourned to the church body for the Annual Church meeting with reports of officers. We will publish in full in next week's issue the report of the past year's work in the different departments of the Niles Congregational Church.

W. H. Champion returned on Tuesday from a weeks' successful deer hunt at Bear Trap, on Trout Creek, a tributary of the Arroyo Bayou. Mr. Champion brought home a fine 155 pound buck.

Mr. and Mrs. Donovan went down two evenings this week to attend the Grand Opera.

Mrs. Robert Price with her little daughter will return to her home in Reno this coming week.

Mrs. Florence Cushman Mudge, a former resident of Niles was a recent guest at Belvoir. Mrs. Mudge has been elected as teacher in English at the High School in Modesto for the coming year.

Miss Martha Sanford returned this week from a visit with friends in Palo Alto and Stockton.

Harrison Snyder has been awarded his degree after work in the sumschool at U. C. He has re-entered College this year ffor post graduate work in the law course which he has been taking.

Miss Winifred Hunt will commence her work as teacher in the grammar school at Los Banos next week.

Miss M. E. De Cora leaves next week to remain during the month of September at Ben Lomond in the Santa Cruz mountains.

C. H. Hatch, J. E. Jacobus and C. J. Ripley were among those who went up from Niles to attend the State Fair in Sacramento.

The Annual luncheon of Trinity Guild and meeting for the election of officers will be held with Mrs. Olive Bonner on Thursday Sept. 7.

Mrs. C. A. Deal visited with her daughter Mrs. P. A. Ellis on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Mrs. Deal has spent the summer months at her cottage in Shasta Retreat and is now returned to her home in Ventura.

The mercury registered 90 degrees warm on Wednesday for the first time in many weeks.

Mr. H. A. Mayhew who went to Sacramento last Saturday remained during the week for the Fair.

THE AMENDMENTS

By FRANKLIN HICHBORN

VIII. CIVIL SERVICE, AND VERDICTS IN CRIMINAL CASES.

At the 1911 session of the Legislature, Senator Roseberry introduced a civil service measure which, where practical, extended the principle of civil service to every department of state and local government.

The chief opposition to the bill came from county officials throughout the state, who, to defeat the measure, broughtpressure to bear upon various members of both houses.

Even progressive leaders began to weaken in their insistence that the bill become a law.

But its passage would not have necessarily been prevented had not the bill been attacked on the score of its constitutionality.

Art. XX, Sec. 16, of the state constitution provides that the term of public officee in California shall not exceed four years, unless provided for in the constitution.

In 1906 this section was amended to control the tenure of office of officials serving under them. But no provision had been made for county and state officers. On this ground, many of thhe provisions of the Roseberry Civil Service bill were held to be unconstitutional.

This was a final blow to the Civil Service bill and its passage was not pressed.

However, to meet the difficulty should further Legislatures wish to consider Civil Service legislation, an amendment to the blocking section of the constitution was introduced by Senator Roseberry, and is known as No. 45.

This proposed amendment adds the following to the section—"and provided further, that the term of any person heretofore appointed to hold office or employment during good behavior under civil service laws of the state or of any political division thereof shall not be limited by this section."

Before the civil service can be applied in California, this or a similar amendment to the constitution, must be ratified.

There was practically no opposition to submitting this amendment to the people.

Mrs. J. Lacy and Miss Edith Lacy of San Francisco and Mr. Hope of San Jose were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Higley last week.

The Reading club held an interesting meeting last Monday afternoon. In connection with the subject, Norway, letters of travel were read from Miss Emelita Mayhew telling of her journey through Norway and Sweden.

Mrs. Thos. Sullivan has been recently suffering from a sprained arm and shoulder.

Mrs. Abrott received a visit from her sister Mrs. W. Mickle of Anaheim last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Coulter are contemplating making their home in Berkeley.

Miss Helen Sharpe is spending a couple of weeks visiting friends in Oakland and San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeidler will occupy the Fonte home in Niles Glen during the coming year Mr. Zeidler has been elected to take charge of the Agricultural Department in our Union High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Plummer have rented the Harry Green cottage and will take possession in about a week. Mr. Plummer is associated in business with Mr. W. H. Ford whose headquarters are in San Francisco. Mr. Plummer will look after the loading and shipment of gravel at this

Mrs. H. E. Mosher is spending the weekend with the family of her son Mr. Harry Mosher in Oakland.
end of the line.

Miss Catterlin has commenced her work at the Polytechhnic Business College in Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fisher of Hayward motored to Niles last Sunday and took Mrs. M. E. Mortimer of the Belvoir back with them for a visit.

Mrs. Hazel Jacobus Hirsch formerly of Niles is now living in Sacramento.

Mr. Milton Stallard, stage director at Ye Liberty Theater, of Oakland, was a guest at the Belvoir on Wedne day and Thhursday last.

Despite the helpful ordinance lately passed by the county supervisors in regard to thhrowing rubbish about, our village streets are far from being in a 'spotless" condition.

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ORIENT CHAPTER TO HAVE WHIST TOURNAMENT

The committee of Orient Chapter Order of Eastern Star in charge of Masonic Temple Fund announces another whist tournament to be held in Stevenson's hall, Centerville, on Friday September 15th.

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NILES LADIES ENTERTAIN FRIENDS THIS WEEK

Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth entertained at a deeelightful luncheon on Tuesday last. Covers were laid for eight, at table, the guests being Mesdames Clough, Ford, Mosher, Schofield, Chittenden, Mayhew and Miss De Cora. Mrs. Ellsworth was assisted in receiving her guests by Mrs. Robert Price and Mrs. Edward Ellsworth. Following the luncheon the affternoon was spent in social converse and needle work.

On Tuesday afternoon of last week Mrs. Edward Ellsworth entertained in honor of Mrs. Robert Price of Reno, Nevada, her guests being Mesdames Ford, Clough, Higley, Moyer, F. V. Jones, E. B. Tyson and H. B. Ellsworth. Danity refreshments were served after a pleasant afternoon busy with the needle.

Decoto

School has been closed this week owing to the prevalence off measles. It will open Monday.

A marriage license has been issued to Miss Flora Garcia and Manuel Correa whose marriage will take place next week.

Roadmaster Fred Meyer is doing a good piece of work in graveling and widening the approach to the Western Pacific crossing on the Decoto-Centerville road. If the company wil. now install a bell the crossing will be much safer.

A blow out occurred in the hot water boiler in the kitchen at the Masonic Home this week. An emergency cooking apparatus was immediately installed and no inconvenience to the residents was occasioned at all.

The electric street lights for Decoto are now in and the members of the Chamber of Commerce feel that they have accomplished one good thing for the town.

Justice of the Peace T. S. Fereira sentenced J. J. Obrien convicted of stealing a bicycle from Frank Garcia recently to four months in the county jail. Obrien after taking the wheel sold it to a party in San Leandro where it was located.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W Meyer will celebrate the twenty-fifthh anniversary of their wedding day on Sunday, with a large gathering of relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry May went to Sacramento Thursday where they wil remain for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Jackson and Miss Marjorie are guests of Mrs. R. McNairn in Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crane motored to Sacramento on Friday. On Sunday they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George C. King at their beautiful hhome "Kingswold" at Fair Oaks. They returned on Tuesday and found the roads in splendid condition for motoring.
day they were teh hguests of Mr. Miss Ingalls in San Jose.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Searles and Mr and Mrs. F. Meyer spent the day in Oakland Sunday .

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"THE CATTLE KING" A SPLENDID SHOW

Lewis & Clarke's tent show last Monday night was a good performance. The program was one that was entertaining and at the same time it was of good moral tone. The life of the western cowboy as affected by the life of the pure woman and the life of the woman of lower ideals was brought out well.

The vaudeville features were good and the concert a success.

Lewis and Clark advertised an especially fine band and the public were not disappointed. The show is ment at their hands.

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